been closed down in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the main reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Central Government have been urged to improve the poultry farms in the State;

(d) if so, whether the Central Government have agreed to provide assistance to the State Government; and

(e) if so, how much amount will be sanctioned for 1996-97?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) According to information furnished by the State Government small commercial poultry farms upto the strength of 2000 poultry birds have closed down due to high cost of poultry feed ingredients and lack of marketing facilities.

(c) This Department has not received any specific request for the improvement of poultry farms. Some representations were received about putting restrictions on export of maize etc.

(d) and (e) Does not arise.

Funds for Development of Horticulture

4059. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total funds earmarked and released for the development of horticulture in the country, particularly in the State of Punjab during the last three years;

(b) the achievements made in this regard; and

(c) the amount proposed to be sanctioned for the next two years for the aforesaid purpose?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) and (b) The funds allocated, released and utilised for the development of horticulture in the country, and in Punjab is given below:

(Rs. in crores)

	All India	Punjab
Allocation	1,000.00	9.13
Release	492.98	6.5
Utilisation (As conveyed by the State Governments)	392.64	4.5

(c) The amount proposed to be sanctioned in the next two years will be decided at the beginning of each financial year.

Construction of Railway Over Bridges

4060. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to the Indian Railway rules, overbridges on the level crossings used by a lakh of vehicles in 24 hours are required to be built:

(b) if so, whether any study has been conducted by Government to identify such level crossings requiring construction of overbridges;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to construct overbridges on these level crossings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) to (d) Railways consider replacement by Road Over/Under bridges of busy level crossings having a traffic density of 1 lakh or more TVUs (Train Vehicle Units, a figure obtained by multiplying the number of trains by the number of road vehicle units passing over the level crossing in 24 hours). Proposals of such

works are sponsored by the concerned State Governments assigning priorities and agreeing to bear their share of cost of work. Railways examine these proposals and include those for which the State Governments have complied with the pre-requisite formalities like agreement to close the level crossing on commissioning of Road Over/Under Bridge, initiation of action to acquire land required for approaches, inclusion of work in their budget etc. Progress of such works already sanctioned in a particular State is also kept in mind while including new works.

Railway carry out census of traffic at all level crossings once in 5 years, covering $^1/_5$ of them every year.

Setting-up of New Fertilizer Plants

4061. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to set-up some new fertilizer plants during the 8th and 9th Plans;

(b) if so, the places identified for the setting-up of those plants; and

(c) whether these fertilizer plants are proposed to be set-up in the public, private or joint sector, with details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SHEES RAM OLA): (a) to (c) As per the Industrial Policy Statement issued on 24th July, 1991, no industrial licence is now required for setting up a fertilizer plant. However, the Public Sector/Co-operative units under the administrative control of the Department of Fertilizers have to obtain the approval of the Government for incurring the capital expenditure required for setting up a new fertilizer plant, if it is in excess of their delegated financial powers.

The details of the major fertilizer projects under implementation in the country are given in Statement I (*see* below). The desired information in respect of the proposals of Public Sector Undertakings/Cooperatives for setting up fertilizer projects within the country, which have been submitted under the prescribed clearance procedure, are given in Statement II.

Statement I

Details of Fertilizer projects under implementation in the country during 8th and 9th Plan Period

S.No.	Name of the Company/Cooperative	Project location	Product envisaged	
			Production	Capacity [in lakh MTPA]
1.	Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Ltd. [IFFCO]	Expansion Project Aonla [U.P.]	Urea	7.26
2.	IFFCO	Expansion Project Kalol [Gujarat]	Urea	1.50
3.	IFFCO	Expansion Project Phulpur [U.P.]	Urea	7.26
4.	National Fertilizers Ltd. [NFL]	Expansion Project Vijaipur [M.P.]	Urea	7.26
5.	Madras Fertilizers Limited	Expansion Project Manali [Madras]	Urea NPK	0.76] 1.84]
6.	Fertilisers & Chemicals Travancore Limited	Ammonia Replacement Project, Kerala	Ammonia	2.97
7.	Nagarjuna Fertilizers & Chemicals Limited	Expansion Project Kakinada, A.P.	Urea	4.95
8.	National Fertilizers Ltd.	De-bottlenecking Project Nangal, Punjab	Urea	2.14